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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH BY BARBADOS  
PERMREP WALDRON-RAMSEY IN DEC. 4 UNGA DEBATE ON  
"RESTORATION OF LAWFULRIGHTS" OF PRINCE SIHANOUK'S  
GOVT.

QUOTE

"MY DELEGATION IS REULCTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A  
DEBATE WHICH TREATS WITH MATTERS WHICH AE ESSENTIALLY  
WITHIN THE DOMESTIC JURISDICTION OF A SOVEREIGN STATE,  
A MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION IN GOOD STANDING. AN  
UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF  
ANY STATE IS BAD AND UNJUSTFIABLE. THE BARBADOS  
DELEGATION EXPRESSED ITS DEEP REGRET, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE  
STATE THATIS SO UNJUSTIFIABLY MISUSED IS A DEVELOPING  
COUNTRY AND A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY. ... IT PAINS MY  
DELEGATION, AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, TO HAVE TO DECLARE  
THAT THESE STATES (NOTE - CO-SPONSORING NON-ALIGNED  
COUNTRIES) COMMIT A GRIEVOUS ERROR OF FRATRICIDE WHEN  
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THEY SEEK TO SIT IN SELF-RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT UPON THE

GOVT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC.  
QTE. ... THE PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE  
KHMER REPUBLIC IS AS DANGEROUS AS IT IS UNLAWFUL. IT  
HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL STANDING, AND THERE IS NO PRINCIPLE  
OR PRECEDENT IN INT'L LAW TO JUSTIFY THIS  
UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE WITH THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE KHMER  
PEOPLE. THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS VERY CLEAR  
ON THE MATTER. THE LANGUAGE OF ART 2 (7) OF THE  
CHARTER IS UNAMBIGUOUS AND BROOKS OF NO EQUIVOCATION.  
QTE. ... SOME OF US MAY NOT LIKE THE GOVT OF THE  
KHMER REPUBLIC, BUT THAT IS OF NO JURIDICAL IMPORTANCE  
HERE. ... THE DRAFT RES SUBMITTED BY THE CO-SPONSORS  
IN DOCUMENT A/9195 HAS NO CONSTITUTIONAL FORCE, BECAUSE IT  
MANIFESTLY VIOLATES ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 2 (7)  
OF THE CHARTER AND THE JURISPRUDENCE WHICH HAS MATURED  
AROUND IT.  
QTE. ... THE ROYAL PRINCE WAS REMOVED FROM POWER BY HIS  
OWN MEN, THE KING'S MEN. THAT IS NOTHING NEW. IT IS THE FATE OF  
MOST KINGS AND PRINCES. THE WORST COUP IS A COUP OF THE  
PALACE GUARD. SOME KINGS AND PRINCES ARE BANISHED; OTHER  
LOSE THEIR REGAL HEADS -- WITNESS, FOR INSTANCE, THE CASE  
OF LOUIS XVI OF FRANCE IN 1789, AND THE BANISHMENT OF THE  
LUCKY KING CONSTANTINE OF GREECE ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO.  
AT LEAST HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK IS  
ALIVE, AND IS ABLE TO DECLARE 'I WILL NEVER RETURN TO  
CAMBODIA'.  
QTE ... I WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY AUTHORITY ANYWHERE WHICH  
SUPPORTED THE CONTENTION THAT THE LANGUAGE AND THE MEANING  
OF ART 2, PARA 7, COULD BE SO INTERPRETED AS  
ALLOWING ANY DISCUSSION WHATSOEVER AS ADMISSIBLE THAT  
TOUCHES UPON AND CONCERNS THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE  
KHMER REPUBLIC, A MEMBER STATE, ALBEIT WITH DOMESTIC  
DIFFICULTIES, BUT A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. THE  
LANGUAGE OF ART 2 PRECLUDES ANY DEBATE LIKE THE ONE  
WE ARE CONDUCTING HERE.  
QTE. ... THE BARBADOS DELEGATION QUARRELS WITH THE CO-SPONSORS  
OF THE DRAFT RES AND ITS INSCRIPTION ON ANOTHER  
POLITICAL-PSYCHOLOGICAL GROUND. AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED,  
EVEN THOUGH MY DELEGATION REPRESENTS A KINGDOM WITH A  
MONARCH AS HEAD OF STATE, I WOULD FIND IT MOST TIRESOME AND  
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AGONIZING TO COME TO THIS PODIUM TO SING THE PRAISES AND  
EXTOL THE VIRTUES OF A FALLEN MONARCH -- A DEPOSED KING. I  
CAN UNDERSTAND SOCIALISTS IN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF  
COUNTRIES COMING TO THIS ROSTRUM TO STATE THE CASE FOR A  
CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVT. THAT I CAN  
UNDERSTAND. BUT I CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW SOCIALISTS, GOOD  
AND TRUE, CAN COME TO THIS PODIUM AND UNABASHEDLY STAND  
UP AND SAY, 'DOWN WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLICAN FORM

OF GOVT; LONG LIVE THE KING'. FOR WHEN THEY SAY,  
'DOWN WITH LONNOL: BRING BACK HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE  
SIHANOUK', THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE SAYING -- 'LONG  
LIVE THE KING'. MY DELEGATION SAYS, WITH HEAVY HEART,  
WE CANNOT ACCEPT THAT PROPOSITION. THAT IS, IN THE VIEW  
OF MY DELEGATION, INVERTED REASONING. IT IS TANTAMOUNT  
TO SAYING, 'DOWN WITH SIMON BOLIVAR; BRING BACK THE KING  
OF SPAIN, DOWN WITH LENIN, BRING BACK CZAR ALEXANDER;  
DOWN WITH ROBESPIERRE, BRING BACK LOUIS XVI; DOWN WITH  
GEORGE WASHINGTON, BRING BACK GEORGE III'. UNQUOTE.  
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